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JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AUTHORIZING  
THE USE OF UP TO \$30,000,000 FROM THE  
UNITED STATES EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND

Under section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as amended, 22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(1), the President may authorize the furnishing of assistance from the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund (the Fund) to meet "unexpected urgent refugee and migration" needs whenever he determines it is "important to the national interest" to do so. A drawdown from the Fund of up to \$30,000,000 is required to respond to unexpected urgent needs of refugees, returnees, and conflict victims from Rwanda and Burundi. This drawdown furthers the U.S. national interest by providing humanitarian support where it is urgently needed and counters further regional instability.

To date as many as 500,000 people have been killed and up to 2,000,000 people have been displaced in Rwanda. Since April, nearly 2,000,000 Rwandan refugees have sought safety in neighboring countries. Taking into account the needs of Rwandans as well as Burundi refugees and returnees, urgent assistance for over four million refugees and displaced persons is required at present.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is coordinating basic emergency assistance to Rwandan and Burundi refugees throughout the region and estimates its needs during 1994 to be over \$300,000,000. The World Food Program (WFP) is providing food aid to refugees, and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is assisting displaced persons in Rwanda and Burundi. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), with local Red Cross societies, is providing critical relief in Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zaire. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is assisting refugees in Zaire and transporting returnees back to Rwanda. Also, many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are working with the refugees.

As of September 5, the total U.S. Government response to the crisis has been estimated at \$163,000,000, not including the value of Defense Department contributions to UNHCR service packages for refugees. A drawdown of up to \$30,000,000, the full amount appropriated by Congress to respond to this crisis, is proposed to respond to the urgent requirements of refugees, returnees, and conflict victims from Rwanda and Burundi. These funds may be contributed to international and non-governmental organizations, as appropriate.